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January 3, 2013

**TO: ALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CUYAHOGA AND SUMMIT COUNTY EXECUTIVES
CUYAHOGA AND SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: GARY LEE, CCAO PRESIDENT
UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2013

I want to encourage your active participation on our Standing Committees during 2013. Because of the significant challenges counties will be facing in 2013, I am requesting that all Standing Committees meet at least four times a year to help deal with those challenges. We are also looking into the possibility of holding more meetings by conference call or webinar. Standing Committees have three primary purposes:

1. To serve as an information resource to members by providing a forum to discuss issues of importance to members. Committees should provide members the opportunity to share problems and learn how other members have responded to similar problems. Standing Committees should also use outside resources in their discussion—of issues including affiliates, other elected officials, and state agency personnel.
2. To review pending legislation and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on these legislative proposals.
3. To assist the staff on legislative issues pending in the General Assembly by providing guidance to staff, providing ideas on how to improve legislation, and by communicating with Members of the General Assembly on specific legislative proposals.

Attached is a list of our Standing Committees for 2013 showing the areas of responsibility of the committee, chair, vice chair, and staff contact. Also attached is a form where you can express your interest in serving on one or more of our Standing Committees. You will note that you are requested to submit your top three committees in rank order. We make every effort to accommodate your request in the order you indicate, and *we generally do not appoint anyone to more than two committees*.

Please note that we will not be retaining the Standing Committee membership from 2012.



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Even though you were a member of a particular Standing Committee last year, you will not automatically be on that Committee in 2013. You will need to submit a form for 2013.

We plan to make new appointments to all Standing Committees in the near future after consulting with the Committee Chair. **Please return the form to CCAO by January 17, 2013.** You may also respond by sending an email to Tanya McComas at TMcComas@ccao.org

If you request to serve on the General Government & Operations Committee, please hold the date of February 14, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. for the Organizational Meeting of the Committee.

Again, I hope you actively participate on our Standing Committees during 2013, and I look forward to working with you during this challenging year.

2013 CCAO STANDING COMMITTEE REQUEST FORM

NAME: _____

COUNTY: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
(Please print clearly)

CELL PHONE: _____

I request appointment to the following CCAO Standing Committee(s) for 2013.

(We make every effort to accommodate your request in the order you indicate, and we generally do not appoint anyone to more than two committees)

NAME OF CCAO STANDING COMMITTEE	RANK ORDER
Agriculture & Rural Affairs	
General Government & Operations	
Health & Human Services	
Jobs, Economic Development & Infrastructure	
Justice & Public Safety	
Metropolitan & Regional Affairs (Population 225,000 or more)	
Small County Affairs (Population less than 30,000)	
Taxation & Finance	

PLEASE RETURN ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 17, 2013 TO:

CCAO

ATTN: Tanya McComas
209 E. State Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Or fax to 614/221-6986

You may also email your request to: Tanya McComas at: TMcComas@ccao.org

2013 RECOMMENDED PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS STANDING COMMITTEES

**Gary Lee, President
Union County Commissioner
12/19/12**

COMMITTEE	RESPONSIBILITIES ISSUES	CHAIR & VICE CHAIRS	STAFF
AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Rural Development • OSU Extension • Fair Boards • Soil & Water • Conservation • Small/Rural County Issues • Farmland Preservation • CAFO's • Rural Drainage/Ditches • Agricultural Districts • Agricultural Security Areas 	<p>Chris Abbuhl, Chair (Tuscarawas)</p> <p>Steve Hess , Vice Chair (Champaign)</p>	<p>Josh Hahn</p>

COMMITTEE	RESPONSIBILITIES ISSUES	CHAIR & VICE CHAIRS	STAFF
GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Government Issues • Unfunded Mandates/State Mandates • Elections • Elected Officials Compensation • Property & Buildings • Dogs & Animal Control • Public Records • Sunshine Law • Personnel & Civil Service • Collective Bargaining • Employee Benefits • Unemployment Compensation • Workers' Compensation • PERS • Health Insurance 	<p>John O'Grady, Chair (Franklin)</p> <p>Ed Humphrey, Vice Chair (Clermont)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cheryl Subler</p>

COMMITTEE	RESPONSIBILITIES ISSUES	CHAIR & VICE CHAIRS	STAFF
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Services • Children Services • Child Support • Child Care • Health • MRDD • Mental Health • Alcohol & Other Drug Addiction • County Homes • Senior Citizens/Aging • Medicaid • TANF • Veterans Affairs 	<p>Paula Prentice, Chair (Summit)</p> <p>Otto Nicely, Vice Chair (Defiance)</p>	<p>Laura Abu-Absi</p>

COMMITTEE	RESPONSIBILITIES ISSUES	CHAIR & VICE CHAIRS	STAFF
JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development • Job Creation Initiatives • New Federal Jobs Bill • Workforce Development • Community Colleges in Job Creation • Apprenticeship Programs • Tax Incentives & Abatement • Federal Stimulus Funding • Industrial Revenue Bonds • CIC's and Port Authorities • Transportation • Prevailing Wages • Environmental Issues • Air Quality • Road & Bridge Funding • Water & Sewer • Storm Water Management • Airports • Planning • Development Regulations (Zoning, SD Regulations, Building Codes, etc.) 	<p>Tim Bubb, Chair (Licking)</p> <p>Judy Dodge, Vice Chair (Montgomery)</p>	<p>John Leutz</p> <p>Laura Abu-Absi</p>

COMMITTEE	RESPONSIBILITIES ISSUES	CHAIR & VICE CHAIRS	STAFF
JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Safety • Emergency Management & Homeland Security • Law Enforcement and Sheriff Issues • Prosecutor Issues • Coroner Issues • Court Structure, Finance, Fines, Fees and Costs • Jails • Law Libraries • Community Corrections • Public Defense • Juvenile Justice • RECLAIM • 9-1-1 & Communications • Domestic Violence 	<p>Bob Proud, Chair (Clermont)</p> <p>Ed Elliott (Hardin)</p>	<p>John Leutz</p>
METROPOLITAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS (large 8 automatic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review issues of critical importance to metropolitan counties and to deal with issues relating to regionalism. Generally limited to commissioners in counties over population of 225,000 (10 Counties). 	<p>Pete Gerken, Chair (Lucas)</p> <p>Gloria Rogers, Vice Chair (Summit)</p>	<p>Larry Long</p>

COMMITTEE	RESPONSIBILITIES ISSUES	CHAIR & VICE CHAIRS	STAFF
SMALL COUNTY AFFAIRS	To review issues of critical importance to smaller counties. Generally limited to commissioners in counties with a population of 30,000 or less (15 counties)	Mike Bartrum, Chair (Meigs) Tom Wheaton, Vice Chair (Carroll)	Larry Long
TAXATION & FINANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Policy • Permissive Taxes • Auditing & Accounting • User Fees • Budget Procedures • Municipal Debt • Purchasing • Investment Policy 	Daniel Troy, Chair (Lake) Ginny Favede, Vice Chair (Belmont)	Brad Cole